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SENATE RESOLUTION 208
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Theresa Elaine Moody
for her meritorious contributions to the State of
Tennessee, her community, and her family.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly commend those upstanding
individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow
citizens; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Elaine Moody is one such fine individual who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born to Josephine Bashinski and Floyd Shirey in Waco, Texas, on October
1, 1956, Ms. Moody was the eldest of five daughters in a financially-troubled home; and

WHEREAS, unwilling to allow the hardships of her life to weigh her down, Theresa
Moody served as a source of guidance and friendship for her four sisters and nurtured her entire
family with love and strength enough to survive any calamity; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from the University of South Alabama with a Bachelor's
degree in Computer Science and has spent the past twenty-five years working, with acumen

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and alacrity, as a Computer Programmer at International Paper Company, in which position she has earned the respect of her colleagues and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Moody was married for sixteen years, a union which produced her two greatest achievements: Alex and Allison Moody; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moody has been an active member of Central Church since 1992 and has taught several Sunday School classes; a dedicated choir member, she is always willing to cover an extra service when singers are needed or work on Easter or Christmas programs; and

WHEREAS, possessed with a tremendous singing voice, Theresa Moody lights up with joy and pleasure when she sings in the choir, praising the glory of her God; and

WHEREAS, affectionately referred to as "Mother Theresa" by her daughter, Ms. Moody has voluntarily sacrificed monetary gain and her dreams to provide for her children; and

WHEREAS, as a single parent, she has supported and loved her children selflessly and faithfully; and

WHEREAS, a role model of strength and courage, a good samaritan, and a source of love and devotion for all who cross her path, Theresa Moody passively challenges those around her to be better people by setting a moral example; and

WHEREAS, truly deserving of recognition, Ms. Moody is a true asset to her family, community, and church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Theresa Elaine Moody for her remarkable legacy of service to her family, the people of her community, and the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.